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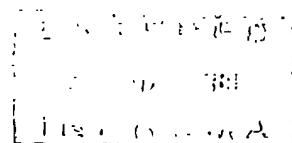
Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for normal examination. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. There is no Notice of Entitlement on file.
2. Claims 1-52 are not novel when compared with the following published Australian specification AU 53527/99 (Serial No. 742974). The citation discloses the inventions defined in the present claims. Although the citation was published later than the priority date of the present claim its information has an earlier priority date than the present claims.

The cited art details a smart card which anticipates all the features of the claims. The cited art makes mention of a card which has icons which can initiate exchange of context information. Independent claims (1,16,26,35,37,46,48,50) make reference to "character strings". For a person skilled in the art would realise that data which is stored within memory is so in a binary strings. Also, the cited art details (figure 12), the use of the smart card which could used to facilitate context sensitive services.

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse. You will need to pay a fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of this report.



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Yours faithfully,

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